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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following amended paragraph:

[0006] With many vehicles now incorporating side air curtains, it has become important to ensure that in the event of a side air curtain deployment the sun visor cannot detach from the vehicle and/or does not ~~lose particles~~ allow particles to break off the visor, and further that the sun visor does not impede the proper and timely deployment of the side air curtains.

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

[0025] Reference will now be made to the drawings, wherein to the extent possible like reference numerals are utilized to designate like components throughout the various views. Referring to Figure 1, which presents a partial plan view of the mounting end portion 10 of a sun visor rod of the present invention mounted in a sun visor rod mounting bracket 70, the mounting end portion comprising an elbow bend section 1 capable of mounting in a sun visor rod mounting bracket 70, and retained in said sun visor rod mounting bracket 70 by retaining section 7, and a sun visor mounting section 2 joined to elbow bend section 1 by means of a pivoting joint 20 and pivot hinge pin 5. Further, Figure 1 shows the sun visor mounting section 2 in both the normal use position and in the downward collapsed position.

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] Turning now to Figure 3, there is shown another preferred embodiment of the present invention showing another preferred joint 30. Joint 30 comprising elbow bend section 1 and sun visor mounting section 2 each having mating portions 31 and 32 respectively. The mating faces of mating portions 31 and 32 each having integral teeth that interact to keep the two sun visor rod sections 1 and 2 in a desired position for normal operation, but still allow it to rotate out of the way of the air curtain. Also shown

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is pivot hinge pin 5 mounted in complementary bores 6 (Figure 4) in mating portions 31 and 32.

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

[0030] Turning now to Figure 6 there is shown the power conducting assembly 50 mounted within the elbow bend section 1 of the sun visor arm embodiment of the present invention as shown in Figure 1. Shown are the electrically conductive member 51 ends protruding from the mounting bracket end of elbow bend section 1, and the electrically conductive member 51 ends having rotational engagement detents 54 exposed at the tongue portion 3. Also shown is bore 6 through which pivot hinge pin 5 (not shown) passes. Also shown is retaining section 7.